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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS CINCPAC FOR POLAD FOR ASST. SECRETARY
HABIB AND AMBASSADOR SNEIDER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MPOL, KS, US

SUBJECT: ROK FORCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

REF: STATE 15349

1. ON JAN 23 AT END OF LENGTHY MEETING WITH DPM NAM
ON SEPARATE SUBJECT, CHARGE PROVIDED LATTER SUBSTANCE
REFTEL AND LEFT WITH HIM PAPER BASED ON POINT CONTAINED
REFTEL PARA 7. ALSO EMPHASIZED SUBSTANCE REFTEL PARA 8.

2. NAM EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT USG INABILITY TO
ENTER INTO LONG-TERM COMMITMENT, BUT APPEARED TO ACCEPT
RATIONALE WHEN EXPLAINED. HE DID REMARK SECRETARY
SCHLESINGER HAD APPEARED MORE FORTHCOMING WHEN FIP
HAD BEEN OUTLINED TO HIM DURING LAST SCM MEETING.
CHARGE RESPONDED HE DID NOT RECALL SPECIFIC LANGUAGE
FORMER SECDEF HAD USED BUT THAT, AS NAM AWARE, LEVELS
OF US SUPPORT OF ANY TYPE MUST BE DETERMINED
THROUGH ANNUAL PROCESS WHICH ULTIMATELY INVOLVED
CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL AND AUTHORITY. CHARGE SAID
THAT HE FELT USG RESPONSE TO FIP WAS FORTHCOMING
AND POSITIVE AND ASKED THAT ROKG VIEW IT IN THAT
LIGHT.

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3. CINCUNC ALSO INTENDS CONVEY SUBSTANCE REFTEL

TO MND SOONEST.
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